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THE WORLD'S END.

A Boozer and Stolen Shoes—D. L. Frazier's Troubles.

Engine Lesperance, who stole shoes from the stores of Griffec & Martin and Fredendall & Wilkins here last week, was arrested and confessed that he was a boozer and a gambler. Said his home was in Michigan and he was at the prize fight at Reno last summer and lost a big quantity of money and then his fall began. He made such a "clean breast" of things and besought so earnestly that he might be given a chance to get right and quit his meanness that a certain secret order here, upon the charges being dismissed against him, gave him transportation to St. Louis.

Henry Marshall, in Washington school district, has a cow that is too much of a kicker for his notion. This said cow gave him a kick and a bad wound on one of his hands the other night.

George McLoney and Fred Hathaway of this city are going to build a flying machine. When they get up in the air there won't be anything to dodge but the clouds; the automobile is not fast enough down here.

Rev. H. I. Cobb says he did something last week he never did before, he tied a woman to a bush. An item in another part of this paper explains.

The eclipse of the moon arrived on schedule time last week, as the astronomers had figured it out for us, but the greater number of us let the event slip up on us unawares.

Ladies when they come to town are requested to make free use of the Rest Room at the Court House, but J. D. Miller, the court house janitor, asks you to be a little considerate. It is against the rules to eat crackers and crumb them on the floor and scatter meat bones and bologna "peelings" about that room. Ladies, you'll be thoughtful now, we know.

Dwight L. Frazier, the Rush Hill telegraph operator, in taking \$95 from a mail pouch at Rush Hill, fell into an easy trap. It was this way: Registered letters at Rush Hill were being tampered with. So one day last month a decoy registered letter containing bills amounting to \$95, all marked and easily identified, was sent thru the mails out of Rush Hill. Frazier was arrested and charged with opening the sack and getting the money. He confessed his guilt when faced with four of the marked bills he had paid out. He was arrested and was taken to St. Louis and lodged in jail and is to have a hearing at Hannibal.

An "Interested Reader" says he has read where a distinguished minister has lately prophesied that the world would come to an end in 1915. He goes on to say: While I have a high regard for the pastor (as I respect all ministers of the Gospel) I don't believe in the definite settlement of a date for the Millennium. The end of the world has been predicted time and time again, but the good old globe continues to do business 24 hours a day at the old stand. I have just as much right to predict the bust of all things in 1910 or 1911 as the pastor has for his year, and I daresay I wouldn't miss the mark any more than he will do. I believe the Creator will "put out our light for eternity" when he gets good and ready and not before. It is unlikely that he will tip off the date to any mortal, be he preacher or be he brick-layer. No person should be alarmed over the prediction of the Millennium in 1915, for that is only a mortal guess. And one man's guess, you know, is as good as another's, so I predict 2015—when I won't be here to suffer mortification should my guess be off.

COUNTY COURT.

Bills Allowed and Other Important Orders Made.

The following bills allowed: S. S. Howard, \$1.00, supplies court house; C. W. Pease, supplies Co. Farm.

J. J. Wakefield, Co. Highway Engineer, instructed to order N. L. Dysart, overseer road district No. 38, to allow Wm. Eisle the use of grader of said district to grade a certain piece of road and to return said grader in as good repair as when received, without cost to the county or road district.

Warrant in favor of J. H. Scott, road overseer district No. 47, for \$126.50, being half the amount apportioned to said district from special road and bridge tax, 1909, due to the town of Laddonia.

Warrant to A. Talbot, district No. 9, Laddonia, same sum as above.

Bills allowed: C. L. Letch, balance bridge account, \$1,533.37; E. H. Carter, sow for Co. Farm, \$45; Joe Considine, buck sheep, Co. Farm, \$6; LaCrosse Lumber Co., bridge lumber, \$5.37; Mrs. H. A. Grier, balance on chickens on Co. Farm, \$21.35; R. W. Berrey, physician Co. Farm, \$25; Ray Fields, bridge supplies, \$2; E. H. Carter, stamps, freight, etc., \$23.60; Noble Barnes, treasurer, \$4.20; Geo. D. Barnard & Co., supplies Co. Clerk, \$2.50; J. L. Shobe, stamps, etc., \$39.60; Noble Barnes, salary, \$250; E. S. Gant, salary, \$200; J. L. Shobe, salary, \$300; Message, printing, \$4.25; W. H. Morris, stamps account, \$17.15; Ricketts & Emmons, supplies Co. Farm, \$11.60; J. W. Barnett, account constable election, \$28.30; J. B. Woolery, feeding jail prisoners, \$270; W. H. Morris, supplies Circuit Clerk, \$10; Intelligencer, supplies Co. Highway Engineer, \$1.25; Intelligencer, election printing, \$487.78; Mexico Ledger, election printing, \$496.78; J. B. Woolery, attending Co. Court, \$30; R. W. Berrey, Board of Health, \$30; Ferris & Cauthorn, supplies Co. Farm, \$23.90; J. J. Wakefield, freight on lumber, \$122.46; Jno. T. Marshall, repairs Co. Farm, \$7.55; J. B. Tate, bridge supplies, \$49.08; Alex Carter, three days' Justice mileage, \$15.20; J. D. Suttin, three days' Justice mileage, \$17.20; S. C. Groves, three days' Justice mileage, \$16; W. S. Hamilton, salary Supt. Co. Farm, \$165; Nelson Bokder, hogs for Co. Farm, \$35; Allen Stallings, casting up election returns, \$5.

Order authorized against State Auditor for the amount of salary due County Superintendent of Schools, J. L. Shobe, apportioned at the rate of \$400 per annum to each county, payable quarterly. Bills allowed: Joe Quinlan, threshing oats Co. Farm, \$5.50; Worrell Mfg. Co., supplies Jail, \$30; J. W. Dry, supplies Jail, \$1.60; Bert F. Wells, supplies Jail, 50 cents; Joe B. Daniel, supplies Jail, \$2.35; Intelligencer, election printing Poor House, \$9; W. B. Freeman, bridge work, \$30.25; Fi. Cas. Co., insurance court house, \$35; Buxton Skinner, supplies Recorder, \$10.85; Geo. D. Barnard & Co., supplies Probate, \$18.85; Intelligencer, supplies Co. Clerk, \$4.85; Intelligencer, election printing Jail, \$9; W. L. Craddock, supplies Circuit Clerk, 35 cents.

Warrant for \$300 in favor of F. A. Haysmith, overseer district No. 3, being a part of appropriation to Vandalia and said road district account special road and bridge tax, 1909.

Wm. Kemper, renewal of saloon license. Bills allowed: W. L. Craddock, supplies Co. Clerk, \$6.18; Geo. D. Barnard, election supplies, \$53.40; Smith & Wallace, coal Co. Farm, \$85.66; Mex. Tel. Co., phone at Co. Farm, \$4.50; F. W. Brand, supplies Co. Farm, \$34.40; Mex. Tel. Co., phone at court house, \$5; Smith & Wallace, coal at court house, \$68.10; Arctic Ice & Storage Co., ice at court house, \$2; Light Co., supply court house, \$48.50; W. R. Rodes, conveying patient to asylum, \$6.75; Buxton Skinner, supplies Circuit Clerk, \$3.40; W. L. Craddock, supplies Highway Engineer, 10 cents; J. B. Woolery, Sept. Term Circuit Court, \$119.90; Union Phone Co., phone at court house, \$4.50; Wm. Barte, bridge supplies, \$30; Underwood & Gorman, bridge supplies, \$337.50; Ferris & Cauthorn, bridge supplies, \$24; Corrugated Culvert Co., bridge supplies, \$169.20; J. J. Wakefield, bridge supplies, \$19.75; Laurence Kysor, bridge supplies, \$73.75; B. Underwood, bridge supplies, \$6.75; B. A. Powell, bridge supplies, \$6; R. L. Barnes, bridge supplies, \$7.50; J. H. Ware, bridge supplies, \$18.35.

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Cauthorn-Elliott Wedding.

Mr. Dan H. Cauthorn of this city and Miss Mabel Elliott were united in marriage at the bride's home in Garnett, Kansas, Wednesday of last week. The happy couple arrived in Mexico the next day and are now at home to their friends in Woodlawn place. Mr. Cauthorn is one of the most prominent young men of our city; is engaged in the real estate business here. His bride is a graduate of Hardin College. She is a most charming and highly accomplished young woman. Scores of friends join in extending Mr. and Mrs. Cauthorn congratulations and best wishes.

Oswald-Campbell Wedding.

Mr. Oren Oswald of Nevada, Mo., and Miss Lucy Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Campbell of this city, were married at the home of the bride here last Saturday afternoon, Rev. W. A. Shullenberger officiating. Many friends here extend them best wishes.

Bush-Hall Nuptials.

The following is from the Pike Co. Piker: Miss Iva Hall greatly surprised her Clarksville friends by accompanying Wesley L. Bush to Mexico Wednesday, where they were united in marriage that afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. H. I. Cobb, at the latter's residence.

Following the ceremony the happy couple went to the country home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bush near Mexico, where they will reside for the present.

Mr. Bush is said to be a young man of exemplary habits, industrious and worthy of the lady of his choice.

Miss Hall is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hall and has made her home with her grandfather, A. W. Rollins, in this city since she was a young girl. She has spent the past two months in Monroe City with her uncle, Wayne Rollins, and by her absence was enabled to keep her matrimonial intentions a secret from her most intimate friends as well as many of her relatives.

Miss Hall is a modest and refined young lady and possesses many womanly and Christian virtues. She took great interest in church work and will be missed from her circle.

The Piker extends to Mr. and Mrs. Bush our very best wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

Work is under way for three bridges for the electric railway north of Mexico.

THE ELECTRIC R. R.

The Heinz-Young Construction Co. Let in on the Work.

As time wears on matters get more lively and interesting in the building of the electric railway out of Mexico.

Last Thursday the Mexico Santa Fe & Perry Traction Co. closed a deal with the Heinz-Young construction Co. of St. Louis to complete the unfinished construction work between Mexico and Hereford. The company takes up the work this week. If the weather will permit and the bond subscriptions are paid promptly it is expected to build about four miles a month. That would take the line into Hereford in the early spring.

From Hereford the same company will build either to Fulton or Columbia. They have executed a \$150,000 bond to do the work as contracted.

The other construction company building north from Mexico, are pushing their work with all possible haste. The old grade north of Judge Alex Carter's farm is being repaired and will soon be ready for the rails. The pile driver is at work and the clearing of the right of way further on is proceeding also.

Three cheers for Mexico's first electric railway!

Mr. Wilson's Sale.

At W. W. Wilson's mule sale, held recently, near Molino, 21 pairs, yearlings, were disposed of at the following prices:

Joe Considine,	\$327.50
C. C. Bybee,	317.50
B. R. Middleton,	265.00
John Creed,	207.50
Joe Considine,	315.00
Earl Carter,	227.50
Gray Vaughn,	275.00
C. C. Bybee,	282.50
B. R. Middleton,	187.50
B. R. Middleton,	197.50
C. C. Bybee,	227.50
C. C. Bybee,	217.50
Joe Considine,	190.00
C. C. Bybee,	217.50
Earl Carter,	185.00
S. C. Creed,	150.00
C. C. Bybee,	347.50
C. R. Massey,	280.00
B. R. Middleton,	205.00
Earl Carter,	197.50
Joe Considine,	200.00
John Creed, pair broke	330.00
Alex Carter, pair 3 year	olds,
Alex Carter, pair coming	5,
Albert Berger, pair year-	lings,
Joe Considine, pair, com-	ing 3,
Earl Carter, 2 year old	100.00
Earl Carter, black mare,	202.50

Wedding Announced.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Abbie Llewellyn, the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Llewellyn of this city, to Mr. Robert C. Snoddy, a popular traveling salesman, with headquarters here. The wedding is to be the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 7th. The Message joins with scores of friends in extending congratulations in advance.

Mrs. Walker Dead.

Mrs. Ewett Walker died at her home, seven miles south of Mexico, last Saturday evening. She had been in failing health for some time. The funeral was held at New Hope church Monday, conducted by Rev. W. A. Shullenberger of Mexico. Deceased was 46 years of age and leaves a family of eight children. Before her marriage she was Miss Zoe Dillard. The community extends sympathy to the bereft family.

Steve Allison of this city is reported very ill.

FROM FLORIDA.

George Kabrich Writes Concerning That Country and the People.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 15. Editor Message:—I am here in this beautiful country, where the sun is as warm as in June every day. Some may think it is damp here, so close to the seashore, but it is no damper here than in Mexico, and not half as damp as it was there last spring.

M. N. Melson's brother (the former ex-Sheriff of Andrain county) called on me with his \$500 steed and carriage yesterday and took me riding out in the country, to his 1000 acre farm. It lies between two railroads, close to the round house and machine shops, gas plant and ten acres covered by the Standard Oil Plant. I found Mr. Melson's farm is nice land and as rich soil as in the Ohio Valley. He has one-half staked off in lots and is selling them and houses are being built on them. He paid \$10 an acre for this ground about ten years ago and he will realize \$1,000 per acre. He says he was well acquainted with all the Beals back in Mexico some years ago.

I have six nephews and nieces living here and with one of them I go to some park or place of amusement every afternoon.

Rent here in the city is very high, four times as high as the same property would rent for in Mexico.

The greatest sight I have seen yet was out at the ostrich farm and menagerie. They have races with the ostrich, both in sulky and riding races. They can run as fast as a horse. In riding them a negro will jump on the bird's back from a stile and land back of its short wings and holds to the wings. The cap, or hood, is then pulled off the bird's head and it then darts off like a race horse, without anything to guide it, and on the homestretch the whip is applied. These birds can reach up near 10 feet. Their plumes are picked every nine months. It thinks when a hood is thrown over its head and it can't see that you can't see it. They then stand perfectly still, but when the hood is pulled off they dart away at great speed. They mate at seven years and if one of a pair dies the other never mates again. Their age is 80 years.

I went aboard a four-mast ship here, the largest I ever saw, nearly 300 feet long. Every appointment perfect and everything grand and dazzling and bright. I thought no wonder the millionaires love to sail the ocean on them.

I would like to say something about fishing and something about the big trees with moss hanging on them, down 50 feet to the ground, and something about the game. Fox squirrels dart up and down the trees. I saw a hunter one day with 90 squirrels that he had shot. They sell on the market at 12-12 cents each. Space forbids saying more.

G. Kabrich.

A Box Supper.

The box supper at Liberty school house last Friday night was a great success. Miss Blanche White, the teacher, had the children in fine training and a delightful literary program was rendered before the auction of the boxes. Dick Edwards auctioned the boxes and he made them bring over \$29, all told. The house was filled with patrons of the school and visitors and all spent a most pleasant evening.

F. R. Jesse of this city, district deputy of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Missouri, assisted by A. S. Houston, also of this city, instituted a new Masonic lodge at Mokane last Saturday.

TEACHERS TO MEET.

To Hold an Important Session at Duly School House.

The county teachers are to hold an institute at the Duly school house near Mexico, on Saturday, December 3rd. The following will be the program:

9:30 to 10:00—Program by Duly School.

10:00 to 10:30—Reading Circle Work.

10:30 to 11:00—"The Influence of Parents and Associates upon the Pupil"—Misses Pearl Tucker, Myrtle Duncan and Ethel Dull.

11:00—Address, Dr. R. H. Emberson, Department of Rural Education, Columbia.

1:15 to 1:45—Illustrative Lesson in Arithmetic, Miss Golden F. Emerson.

1:45 to 2:15—Discussion of Teaching Arithmetic, led by H. B. Browning, Misses Ethyl Baker and Lida Botts.

2:40 to 3:00—The Assignment and Hearing the Recitation, by J. L. Shobe.

3:00—Teaching of Agriculture, by Dr. R. H. Emberson.

The Duly school is distinguished as having lately been recommended to State Superintendent Howard A. Gass for "approval." Miss Golden Emmerson is the teacher. She is one of the county's hardest working teachers. Teachers and pupils and patrons are urged to attend this institute, to see somewhat of the work of the Duly school, and you can then have your own opinion if it deserves the distinction given it.

To win such approval as mention above there are several points to be considered. The following at least, should be adhered to: Is the house warm and comfortable, and are the walls, windows and floors clean? Do the windows have shades to regulate the light and keep out the sunlight? Are there enough small seats so that the little tots can sit and let their feet touch the floor? Is the stove in the center of the room, with a jacket around it so that the heat will be more evenly distributed? Are the outhouses in a sanitary condition? Is there a library of well selected books for both teacher and pupils?

In his request to the teachers to be at the above institute, Supt. Shobe says: "Teachers, bring some of the work of your pupils along with you, such as maps, note-books, compositions and so forth, that others may see the good work being done. Everybody welcome. Come and help make the meeting a success."

Church Officers.

Liberty Christian church, of near Thompson, held its annual meeting Saturday, Nov. 19. The elders elected were: J. P. Davenport, W. T. Northcutt and J. A. Surber; deacons, Jack Davenport, A. D. Creasey and Russell Spurling; clerk and treasurer, Miss Daisy Ridgeway.

Rev. W. H. Hook preached Sunday and had a large attendance.

Mrs. Wm. Burke is ill with typhoid fever.

Vaughn Crawford of Hannibal is visiting here.

"Bud" Marshall has gone to St. Louis to reside.

Mrs. H. L. Steppelman is afflicted with typhoid fever.

Dr. J. W. Jesse and wife of Santa Rosa, Cal., are visiting Mexico relatives.

The book shower for the public library at Elks' Hall last Friday was a great success. About 250 books were contributed.

ELLIOTT TO BUILD.

Mr. Pease's Clover Crop—Ed. Moore's Fine Horses.

R. R. Dollins, in New Hope neighborhood, is building a new barn, 24x30.

J. B. Rutter, south of Mexico, raised a fine crop of corn this year. He is gathering it into the cribs lately.

Wm. Biggers of Moberly has bought a half interest in the Fox building here, block north of the C. & A. passenger station, for \$2,500.

E. D. Moore, just east of Mexico, last week received a shipment of 25 head of royally bred young mares which he will fit for sale. They are the property of B. G. Eeton of Colorado.

The feeders are paying 40 cts. for new corn in the vicinity of Martinsburg.

Eppe F. Elliott, Circuit Clerk-elect, has bought a lot on West Love street from Mrs. Eugie Tinsley and Miss Jesse and will erect a nice residence thereon.

W. W. Pollock and J. C. Mundy of this city own a 320 acre farm east of Sturgeon, in Audrain county, and they are putting up two nice dwelling houses thereon.

W. O. Smith, of near Gant, last week sold C. B. Lyman of Mexico a thoroughbred Duroc pig at a fancy price.

J. B. Botkin is making some substantial improvements on his farm south of this city.

The Troy Free Press notes: C. W. Pease, who owns one of the finest farms adjoining Mexico, has seventy acres of clover land from which he cut the second crop. The first cutting yielded him 100 tons, the second about 30 tons. He threshed a portion of it which yielded him about one bushel per acre. Mr. Pease thinks that clover is one of the best pay- ing crops as well as finest fertilizer for the land.

Amos Harris, east of Benton City, sold two cars of fat cattle on the St. Louis market last week. The best of the drove sold at \$6.60.

John Rosser is getting out his corn crop on the Robert Luckie farm, east of Meico. Mr. Rosser was a student in the Mexico High School last year. He expects to enter the Agricultural College at Columbia in January. John is a bright boy and we expect to see him succeed at any work he may undertake.

Sam Howard has sold his "Fix It Shop" to C. A. Bush, of Sapalpa, Okla. The latter takes charge at once. Mr. Howard thinks he will go to his farm near Mokane.

SOME GLARES AND STARES.

Miss Sadie Devaney renews for the Message.

Rev. Willis Carlisle and Wm. Bryant subscribe for the Message.

W. T. Canterbury, R. H. Lee, J. R. Brown, R. H. Mason, and Mrs. E. J. Patterson renew for the Message.

John Maher, lately a resident of the Kennett farm, south of Mexico, has moved to Eolia, Mo., and orders the Message to follow him.

Our excellent friend James Lynch, of near Laddonia, made us an appreciated call Monday. Bro. Lynch thinks the Message is all right.

That whole-souled fellow N. Hickerson, down Wellsville way, just over the border in Montgomery county, was in to see the Message Monday and renews for the paper to 1912. Thank you, Mr. Hickerson.

Walter Sannebeck, of the music department of Worrell's jewelry store here, gave an interesting phonograph concert in Benton City last Thursday night.